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UNC Asheville offers lower tuition for qualifying students from neighboring states

Starting this school year, UNC Asheville is offering a new and improved financial aid package.

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Data science school dean, professor explain the goals of new professional degrees

The UNC School of Data Science and Society announced two new professional degree programs on Nov. 20 — a master's degree and a doctorate of data science. The new programs will exist in addition to SDSS's current Bachelor of Science in data science and online Master of Science in applied data science programs.

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UNC, former provost seek 45-day stay in open meetings, records suit

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and former provost Chris Clemens are seeking a court order placing a 45-day hold on Clemens' open meetings and public records lawsuit against the school.

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NC elections officials look to cut some Sunday voting, campus polling sites

Sunday voting isn't the only contentious topic on agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Attempts to eliminate on-campus voting sites at N.C. A&T University, UNC-Greensboro and Western Carolina University are up for discussion. So are other contentious plans from areas including Cumberland, Harnett and Wayne counties.

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ECU introduces new HAWK crosswalk system to enhance pedestrian safety near campus

Students at ECU are starting the semester with a new safety measure after a series of pedestrian accidents near campus. A new high-intensity crosswalk system is now in place at one of the busiest intersections, aiming to protect both students and faculty.

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Employee Forum hears concerns about unit centralization as Phase 1 gears up

The UNC Employee Forum met virtually on Friday to discuss the latest news on budget cuts to research departments, a new UNC System regulation requiring the publication of course syllabuses at constituent universities and plans for the implementation of the ServiceFirst initiative to centralize staff units.

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Feature: UNC Charlotte pianists' pursuit of music in three continents

Behind every talent lies a story of adjustment and devotion. Claudio Olivera, a pianist at UNC Charlotte, uses his love for music as both a talent and a form of connection. He fills many roles throughout campus, performing for opera workshops, chorale and diction classes, as well as accompanying different performers during concerts. His journey spans three continents, beginning in Venezuela, finding its way through Germany and eventually bringing him to the United States.

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What families need to know about new limits on student borrowing and benchmarks for universities

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What High School Seniors Wrote in Their College Admissions Essays

Some students are still mentioning their race or immigrant status as the Trump administration cracks down on diversity efforts. But many are avoiding sensitive aspects of their identity.

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Trump's college agenda may have a lasting impact on research, culture

Trump has altered the government's relationship with higher education in ways that will be difficult to undo. Some schools say a change was needed.

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University of Michigan Picks Kent D. Syverud, Syracuse Leader, as Its Next President

Kent D. Syverud will become the fifth person to run Michigan since the start of 2022, inheriting a school that also has debated diversity.

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Why a Fraternity Wants Students to Pay Up for an Alleged Hazing Incident

One of the nation's oldest social fraternities announced Monday it would sue former members of a now-closed Rutgers University at New Brunswick chapter who allegedly hazed and injured a student in October.

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College paper fights to stop AI slop website from stealing its identity

The University of Colorado's student newspaper is battling a copycat website publishing AI spam under its name, a growing issue for media outlets in the age of AI.

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Commission rejected 500-plus NIL deals worth nearly $15 million

The College Sports Commission has rejected nearly $15 million in name, image and likeness agreements since it started evaluating them over the summer, representing more than 10% of the value of all the deals it has analyzed and closed.

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The Case for Hiring Public University Grads

Mr. Gilliam is chancellor of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

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This Is No Way to Run a University

A bill passed last spring by the Texas Legislature undercut faculty control on public university campuses and clamped down on what can be taught, the First Amendment be damned. Last fall, the Texas A&M University system separately introduced policy changes aimed at purging woke curriculums. Under these measures, administrators have conducted a sweeping review of course materials, aiming to root out officially disapproved ideas about race and gender that professors may impart to their students.

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Americans have lost faith in higher education — debate can help restore it

Debate is a skill of intrinsic critical thinking, requiring creativity and fast-paced responses that artificial intelligence can help with but cannot perform. Students become initiators in key acts of reading and organizing information and comparing what is better or worse. The sense of competition cuts through the ethical fallacy that all solutions are equally valid.

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